

Grade	AMERICAN IDEAL Blog Criteria
<b>Excellent</b> <b>(A+ to A)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Post(s) thoroughly explores all aspects of prompt</li> <li>- Superior organization with well-developed and cohesive paragraphs</li> <li>- Claims are clear and insightful</li> <li>- Evidence reflects keen understanding of text and carefully proves asserted claim(s)</li> <li>- Commentary is perceptive and closely examines significance of evidence</li> <li>- Strong and vivid language utilized in analysis</li> <li>- Post(s) reflect original and creative thinking as well as excellent synthesis of ideas</li> <li>- Blog is polished in appearance, contains very few mechanical errors, and contains strong visual details.</li> <li>- Blog contains 1 or more extra details that enhance blog appearance and depth – web sources, images, audio, video, etc.</li> </ul>
<b>Good</b> <b>(A- to B)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Post(s) explores all aspects of the prompt</li> <li>- Strong organization and cohesive structure</li> <li>- Claims are clear and logical</li> <li>- Evidence reflects good understanding of text and mostly proves asserted claims</li> <li>- Commentary examines significance of evidence but to a slightly lesser degree</li> <li>- Most language utilized in analysis is vivid and clear</li> <li>- Post(s) reflect strong synthesis of ideas</li> <li>- Blog is well-maintained, contains few mechanical errors, and contains some visual details.</li> <li>- Blog contains at least 1 extra detail that enhances blog appearance and depth – web sources, images, audio, video, etc.</li> </ul>
<b>Adequate</b> <b>(B to C)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Post fails to explore some aspect of prompt</li> <li>- Lack of cohesive structure and focus</li> <li>- Claims are mostly clear</li> <li>- Evidence is used but reflects superficial understanding of the text</li> <li>- Commentary is minimal and/or does not examine significance of evidence</li> <li>- Language is simplistic and/or sometimes unclear</li> <li>- Post(s) reflect weak synthesis of ideas</li> <li>- Blog is sloppy in appearance and contains several mechanical errors</li> <li>- Blog contains no extra details or details included do little to enhance blog appearance and depth.</li> </ul>
<b>Demonstrates Problems</b> <b>(C to D-)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Post fails to explore many aspects of the prompt</li> <li>- Severe lack of structure and organization that leaves the reader confused</li> <li>- Claims are deficient and/or very unclear</li> <li>- No evidence used and/or complete lack of understanding of text</li> <li>- No commentary and/or very unclear analysis</li> <li>- Language is very simplistic and/or unclear</li> <li>- Post(s) reflect very weak synthesis of ideas</li> <li>- Blog is sloppy in appearance and contains many mechanical errors</li> <li>- Blog contains no extra details.</li> </ul>
<b>Poor Effort</b> <b>(NP)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fails to meet standards in significant way(s)</li> </ul>